

Besides NIFT was also given a sum of Rs. 15.50 crores out of Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)/Bank Guarantee (BG) forfeiture Personal Deposit Account.

(b) and (c) The accounts of NIFT are being audited by the Principal Director of Audit, Economic & Service Ministries on behalf of the Comptroller & Auditor General of India. The audited accounts of NIFT are placed on the Table of Both the Houses of Parliament alongwith the Annual Report of NIFT detailing the performance of NIFT on various aspects. Accounts upto year 1999-2000 have been audited.

(d) NIFT prepares detailed action plan of activities every year. These proposals are considered by the Government. The Ministry of Textiles allocates funds and makes releases thereof after taking into account the overall funds availability and the inter-se priority between the various recipients and activities.

Closure of Spinning Mills in Assam

†4392. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of such spinning mills of Assam State which have been closed after declaring them as sick during the last three years;

(b) what are the main reasons of closing down the said mills; and

(c) the details of concrete steps taken to revive those mills and open new mills in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI V. DHANANJAY KUMAR): (a) and (b) During

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the last three years, no cotton/man-made fibre spinning mills (Non-SSI) has been reported to be closed in the State of Assam.

(c) The Government acts as a facilitator for growth and development of the textile industry; and it does not set up textile industry on its own. However, the Government has taken several steps for growth and development of the textile industry in the country including the State of Assam. Some of the important steps are—declaration of New Textile Policy—2000, launching of Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme w.e.f. 1.4.1999 and rationalization of duty structure on textiles and textile machinery.

Deen Dayal Hathkargha Protsahan Yojana in NER

4393. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) Whether Government have started a project named Deen Dayal Hathkargha Protsahan Yojana (DDHPY) for development of handloom industry in the North Eastern Region;

(b) Whether the project cost is to be borne by the Central and State Governments in the ratio of 50:50;

(c) If so, whether Government propose to change the sharing of the project cost between Central and State Governments in the ratio of 90:10 in view of the backwardness of the North Eastern Region; and

(d) The details of the project and amount so far released to each State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI V. DHANANJAY KUMAR): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The Government of India have already revised the funding pattern of the scheme in the ratio of 90:10 between Central and State Governments of North East Region, Jammu and Kashmir and Sikkim for components other than Marketing Incentives.

(d) A statement showing details of the projects and amount released during 2000-2001 under the scheme is annexed.